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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

Reexamination and reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Election Requirement:

Examiner has required an election of a species for prosecution on the merits as follows:

R. Wherein the shear ring is of a one piece construction.

S. Wherein the shear ring is a plurality of pieces welded together.

Examiner states that the claims shall be restricted to the elected specie if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.